

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The amendments to the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1-62. (canceled)

63. (new) A method for treating, preventing, or ameliorating a disease, condition, or disorder comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of a selective binding agent or fragment thereof that specifically binds at least one polypeptide wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4; and
- b) a fragment of the amino acid sequence set forth in at least one of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4; and
- c) a naturally occurring variant of (a) or (b).

64. (new) A method for treating, preventing or ameliorating a medical condition comprising administering to a patient an isolated polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3;
- b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4;
- c) a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under moderately or highly stringent conditions to the complement of (a) or (b), wherein the encoded polypeptide has an activity of the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4; and
- d) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of (a)-(c).

65. (new) A method for treating, preventing or ameliorating a medical condition comprising administering to a patient an isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

66. (new) A method of modulating levels of a polypeptide in an animal comprising administering to the animal an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3;
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4;
- (c) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under moderately or highly stringent conditions to the complement of (a) or (b), wherein the encoded polypeptide has an activity of the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4; and
- (d) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of (a)-(c).